GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2886
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POPULATION OF WILD ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated population of wild animals in the country as on date;

(b) whether the Government proposes to get funds from external agencies for the development of Project Tiger and Project Elephant;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether the Government proposes to declare Mudhumalai Sanctuary as tiger conservation centre; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The State-wise details of some major wild animals pertaining to last estimation, as reported by States, are given at Annexure-I.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. "In principle approval" has been accorded for declaring Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary (Tamil Nadu) as a tiger reserve, based on proposals received from state and as recommended by the Steering Committee of the Project Tiger in its 37th meeting held on 23-01-2003.